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Baldwin Park Man Sentenced to Jail for Killing Poodle

A 35-year-old man convicted of fatally beating his poodle was sentenced today to a year in jail, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jason Arnold Vaca of Baldwin Park pleaded no contest on March 19 to one felony count of cruelty to an animal in case KA105290.

In addition to the jail time, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Juan Carlos Dominguez also sentenced the defendant to four years of formal probation. Moreover, Vaca was ordered to attend 26 anger management classes and a year of animal cruelty classes.

As a result of the animal cruelty conviction, Vaca cannot own, possess, reside with, or care for any animal for 10 years.

Deputy District Attorney Kelsey McKeever-Unger, who prosecuted the case, said on March 18, 2014, authorities received a 911 call regarding a man yelling and the sounds of a dog being hit.

Responding officers identified the defendant's home as the source of the disruption. Inside the house, officers reportedly saw blood. As they entered the backyard, they found the body of a lifeless dog, according to testimony given at the preliminary hearing.

When authorities established that Vaca was the owner of the dead dog, he was immediately arrested.

The case was investigated by the Baldwin Park Police Department.

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for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.